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Dear Harold:

I'm glad you mentioned Izzy Salkind, because I wondered what had happened to him. We were good friends. Once in a while he'd call me Eugene O'Brinsky, for some vague reason. He also coached me in singing - giving me voice exercises - again, for some unknown reason. And one ~~of the~~ memorable evenings we spent singing Xmas carols.

He had a brother, Micky (?) who was a violinist (?).

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Although I'm now 8o years plus one month, I still seem to be taking on things to do. One of the things I'm scheduled for is a trip to Moscow and Gorki with my daughter, a specialist in Russian affairs at the University of Washington, Seattle. She got her PHD in Slavic trade and teaches and consults. I'm scheduled to address three groups of educators in Moscow on American education; and in turn gather information on Soviet education under perestroyka. I have three commissions for articles that will pay just about one-tenth of my expneses.... We leave October 10, and by a strange twist of fate I'll arrive in Moscow October 12, the very date I arrived in the USA in 1922.

I hope I can be in Wawhington before the snow flies and will try hard to see you.

Happy New Year,

Ben

I'd appreciate your phone number.